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PATENT

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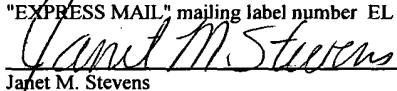
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For: PIEZOELECTRIC/ELECTROSTRICTIVE DEVICE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted (*check appropriate item(s) below*):

- i. Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii. Payment of the issue fee
 - Prior to payment of issue fee
 - Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 was filed (copy attached).
- iii. Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
- iv. Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or
 - Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS

3. Please Enter and Consider the following Previously Submitted Documents:

- Amendment filed _____.
- Brief on Appeal filed _____.
- Other: _____

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ENCLOSURES

4. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449
- An Identification of Copending Application(s) and Form PTO-1449
- An Amendment
- New arguments
- New evidence in support of patentability
- Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

5. This application is on behalf of:

- Small entity (and status is still as small entity) \$375.00
- Other than a small entity \$750.00

Continued Examination Request Fee \$750.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

6. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Previously Paid	(5) No. of Extra Claims Present	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	17	MINUS	25	0	0	0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	6	0	0	0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						0.00

(c) No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee required is \$.

EXTENSION OF TIME

7. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

(a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension <u>(Months)</u>	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
One Month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
Two Months	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
Three Months	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
Four Months	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00

Extension Fee \$ 00.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

[] An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$

OR

(b) [x] Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

8. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Examination Fee (§ 1.17(e))	\$750.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b)-(d))	\$ 0.00
Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$ 0.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$750.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

9. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check is attached for the sum of \$750.00

Charge Deposit Account No. 50-1446 the sum of \$

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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Respectfully submitted,

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